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AMEMBASSY RIO DE JANEIRO

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SUBJECT: INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS HELD IN RECIFE
WITHOUT MAJOR INCIDENT

1. INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES IN RECIFE PASSED WITHOUT MAJOR INCIDENT. FEATURE ATTRACTION, MORNING PARADE BY SOME 6,000 TROOPS OF VARIOUS MILITARY UNITS STATIONED HERE, WELL ATTENDED BY PUBLIC ALTHOUGH MANY MORE TOOK TO BEACHES. ONLY ATTEMPT TO SABOTAGE CELEBRATIONS OCCURRED DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS OF SEPTEMBER 7 WHEN TWO "BOMBS" THROWN IN VICINITY OF REVIEWING STANDS FROM CAR WITH LICENSE PLATES COVERED. BOMBS DID NOT EXPLODE

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2. BOMB ATTEMPT MENTIONED TO CONSUL GENERAL MORNING OF PARADE BY ACTING MAYOR OF RECIFE AND DOPS PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO CONSUL GENERAL. ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, NEAR WHERE BOMBS FOUND WERE COPIES OF ONE-PAGE POORLY MIMEOGRAPHED DECLARATION BY "FRENTE POPULAR REVOLUCIONARIA" PROMISING CONTINUING VIOLENCE AGAINST TYRANNY AND CONCLUDING QUOTE EYE FOR AN EYE, TOOTH FOR TOOTH UNQUOTE. STATEMENT REFERRED TO LIBERATION OF 15 PRISONERS AS EVIDENCE ABILITY RESIST DICTATORSHIP.

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3. CONSUL GENERAL PRESENT DURING TWO-HOUR PARADE AND LATER CITY AND STATE OBSERVANCES NOTED NO INCIDENTS. NO KNOWN DISTURBANCES ELSEWHERE IN DISTRICT.

4. COMMENTING ON "BOMB" ATTEMPT, ACTING RECIFE MAYOR WHO STaunch CONSERVATIVE WITH LINKS TO LOCAL "HARD-LINE" MILITARY, TOLD CONSUL GENERAL HE BELIEVES GOB WILL UNDERTAKE MORE FORCEFUL MEASURES FIGHT SUBVERSION THROUGHOUT COUNTRY AND PREDICTED THAT "U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES, FOLLOWING KIDNAPPING OF AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, WILL UNDERSTAND NECESSITY USE EXTREME MEASURES." GP-3.

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